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Governor Brown Declares State of Emergency In Los Angeles and City of Rancho Cucamonga

SACRAMENTO – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has issued an emergency proclamation for Los Angeles County and the city of Rancho Cucamonga following severe winds that began on November 30th and caused major damage and extensive interruption of utilities and other critical services.

The full text of the emergency proclamation is below:

A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on November 30, 2011, California began experiencing severe winds, and the impact continues to affect the state; and

WHEREAS public and private properties have sustained major damage and there has been extensive interruption of utilities and other critical services to the communities within and contiguous to Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS fifteen cities within Los Angeles County, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Rancho Cucamonga have proclaimed local emergencies; and

WHEREAS the damage caused by the severe winds, by reason of its magnitude, is or is likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the severe winds in the affected areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625 of the California Government Code, HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY to exist within Los Angeles County and its cities, and the contiguous City of Rancho Cucamonga.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The California Department of Transportation formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, 23 U.S.C. section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for critical highway repairs or reconstruction in the County of Los Angeles and City of Rancho Cucamonga.

2. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the California Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Plan.
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I FURTHER DIRECT that the California Emergency Management Agency coordinate assistance programs offered by the Small Business Administration.
I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 9th day of December, 2011.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California
ATTEST:
DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State
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